COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF AQUA/KWS,)
INC., UTILITIES OF KENTUCKY, INC., AND)
WATER SERVICE CORPORATION OF)
KENTUCKY FOR APPROVAL OF THE)
TRANSFER OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE) CASE NO. 2002-00142
ASSETS OF AQUA/KWS, INC. AND)
UTILITIES OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO WATER)
SERVICE CORPORATION OF KENTUCKY)
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF)
KRS 278.020(4, 5) AND 807 KAR 5:001(8))

ORDER

On April 22, 2002, Water Service Corporation of Kentucky (Water Service), a subsidiary of Utilities, Inc., filed with the Commission its application for approval of its proposed acquisition of Aqua/KWS, Inc. (Aqua) and Utilities of Kentucky, Inc. (UKI) pursuant to KRS 278.020(4) and 807 KAR 5:001. Commission Staff issued Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents on May 22, 2002. The applicants responded to Commission Staff's Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents on June 5, 2002. On June 6, 2002 the Attorney General, the only Intervenor in this proceeding, filed a notice stating that he would not object to a determination of this matter without a public hearing.

After carefully reviewing the applicants responses to Staff data requests, the Commission has determined that the record contains sufficient evidence for the Commission to rule on the proposed acquisition. The Commission having been sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing in this case originally

scheduled for June 12, 2002 is cancelled and the matter is submitted for decision on the existing record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of June, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director